

STAFFORD COUNTY SCHOOL BOARD

Agenda Consideration

TOPIC: Block Schedule Evaluation Committee

ITEM NO: 6.E.

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District Representative

MEETING: August 22, 2006
ACTION DATE: August 22, 2006
INFORMATION ONLY: N/A

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District Representative

ACTION REQUESTED BY THE SUPERINTENDENT: That the School Board approve the Block Scheduling Committee Purpose and Directive as outlined below.

KEY POINTS:

- The Block Scheduling Evaluation Committee has been established to conduct an annual formative evaluation of the hybrid block schedule that has been implemented at Brooke Point High School, Mountain View High School, and North Stafford High School. Additionally, a summative evaluation of the hybrid block schedule at Brooke Point High School, Mountain View High School, and North Stafford High School will be conducted after three full years of its implementation. The evaluations will include current and historical data that measure school performance at the five high schools in SCPS and should generally reflect the evaluation design guideline approved by the School Board.
- Talking Points:
 - ☛ Formative evaluation provides information useful in improving a program and is used to strengthen programs. Information from a formative evaluation is especially helpful for program administrators.
 - ☛ Summative evaluation provides judgments about a program's performance in relation to defined criteria and expectations and is used to confirm results and establish accountability. Information from a summative evaluation often influences decisions about continuation, resources, and structuring of a program.
 - ☛ The purpose of the committee is NOT
 - to judge the decision for three high schools in SCPS to adopt a hybrid block schedule,
 - to research the general effectiveness of block scheduling in high schools outside of SCPS,
 - to decide the fate of block scheduling at any of the schools in SCPS, and
 - to evaluate Colonial Forge High School and Stafford High School.

SCHOOL BOARD GOAL: Not applicable.

FUNDING SOURCE: Not applicable.

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